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SALVAGE OPERATIONS
SARANNAYA BAY, USSR

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1. **SIGNIFICANCE:** THE NAVAL SALVAGE OPERATION, THAT HAS BEEN ONGOING IN SARANNAYA BAY, HAS CULMINATED IN THE RAISING OF A C-I NUCLEAR-POWERED CRUISE MISSILE ATTACK SUBMARINE (SSGN). (SWN)
2. **REMARKS:** THE SALVAGE OPERATION HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS SINCE AT LEAST [REDACTED] THE SSGN HAS BEEN RAISED WITH THE AID OF FOUR SALVAGE FLOATS AND IS PARTIALLY SURFACED, STERN DOWN, BETWEEN A PRUT SUBMARINE RESCUE SHIP (ASR) AND A BOGATYR FLOATING CRANE (YD) WHICH REMAIN PRECISION-MOORED AT THE SALVAGE SITE. OTHER VESSELS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA INCLUDE TWO NYRYAT DIVING TENDER (YDT), ONE SMALL TUG, AND THREE SMALL SUPPORT CRAFT. (SWN)

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IMAGE INTERPRETABILITY PRECLUDES A COMPLETE DETERMINATION OF THE CONDITION OF THE SSGN. HOWEVER, A LARGE DARKENED AREA AT THE BOW AND UNCHARACTERISTIC BRIGHT AND DARK AREAS ON THE OUTER HULL PLATING SUGGEST AT LEAST SOME DAMAGE TO THE FORWARD HALF OF THE VESSEL. (SWN)

OTHER NAVAL ORDER-OF-BATTLE OBSERVED ON PARTIAL COVERAGE OF SARANNAYA BAY, WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 15 NM SOUTH OF PETROPAVLOVSK KAMCHATSKIY, INCLUDES ONE SURABUOY TENDER (AGL), ONE DON SUBMARINE TENDER, ONE MIKHAIL RUDNITSKIY SALVAGE AND RESCUE SHIP (ARS), ONE KATUN ARS, ONE T-58 ASR, TWO OKHTENSKIY OCEAN TUGS/ARS, ONE PROBABLE YELVA YDT, AND ONE LAUNCH. (SWN)

3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 52-46N 158-33E

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